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# India Keeps Super Powers Guessing

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**THE protracted possibility of Sino-Indian relations gathering a truly salubrious climate promises to bring about a major change in the entire perspective of East-West political adjustments.**

Reports have been current in the Indian Press of China having extended an invitation to the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister to visit Peking at their earliest convenience. At the same time, Government sources deny there has been any such invitation nor is there a contemplation on the part of Mr. Vajpayee for a China visit.

In fact during Mr. Desai's last visit to Moscow, Mr. Leonid Brezhnev had posed the question in a concealed form and he was assured by the Indian Prime Minister that India would not seek an improvement of its relations with China at the cost of its well-established friendship with the Soviet Union.

### DISCREET ENQUIRIES

The latest development is that the Soviet Embassy sources in New Delhi have been making some discreet enquiries about the scope of the current Sino-Indian moves for normalisation despite the persisting differences over the border question.

Even Western diplomatic missions in New Delhi though they are not having any comparable stakes in the Sino Indian moves for normalisation of relations, are keenly interested in the exercise if only to discern whether there is any firm evidence of new trends in the Chinese approaches and attitudes representing a marked departure from the rigidities of the past.

The Western powers are also wanting to know if the Indian response to Peking's overtures is indicative of a readiness on its part to leave the border issue aside for the present and strive for normalisation.

### FIRST MEET AFTER MAO

China watchers in the West have been lately attaching exaggerated significance to developments in Sino-Indian relations because the latest Chinese initiatives for improved relations with the countries of South and South East Asia precede the impending sixth National People's Congress in Peking which is being called to endorse at the governmental level the decisions of the 11th party Congress that met a few months ago to take stock of the post-Mao political situation.

The National People's Congress which meets normally once in five years will be meeting for the first time after the passing away of Mao Tse-tung, and the emergence of a more moderate leadership following the ouster of the "gang of four" in China.

As shrewd observers see it, the current moves for a Sino-Indian dialogue must be in the form of a resumption of the border talks that were abruptly broken in 1962, even if it is for the limited propose of restating the respective positions before proceeding with the processes of normalisation in other spheres.

### GOODWILL MISSION

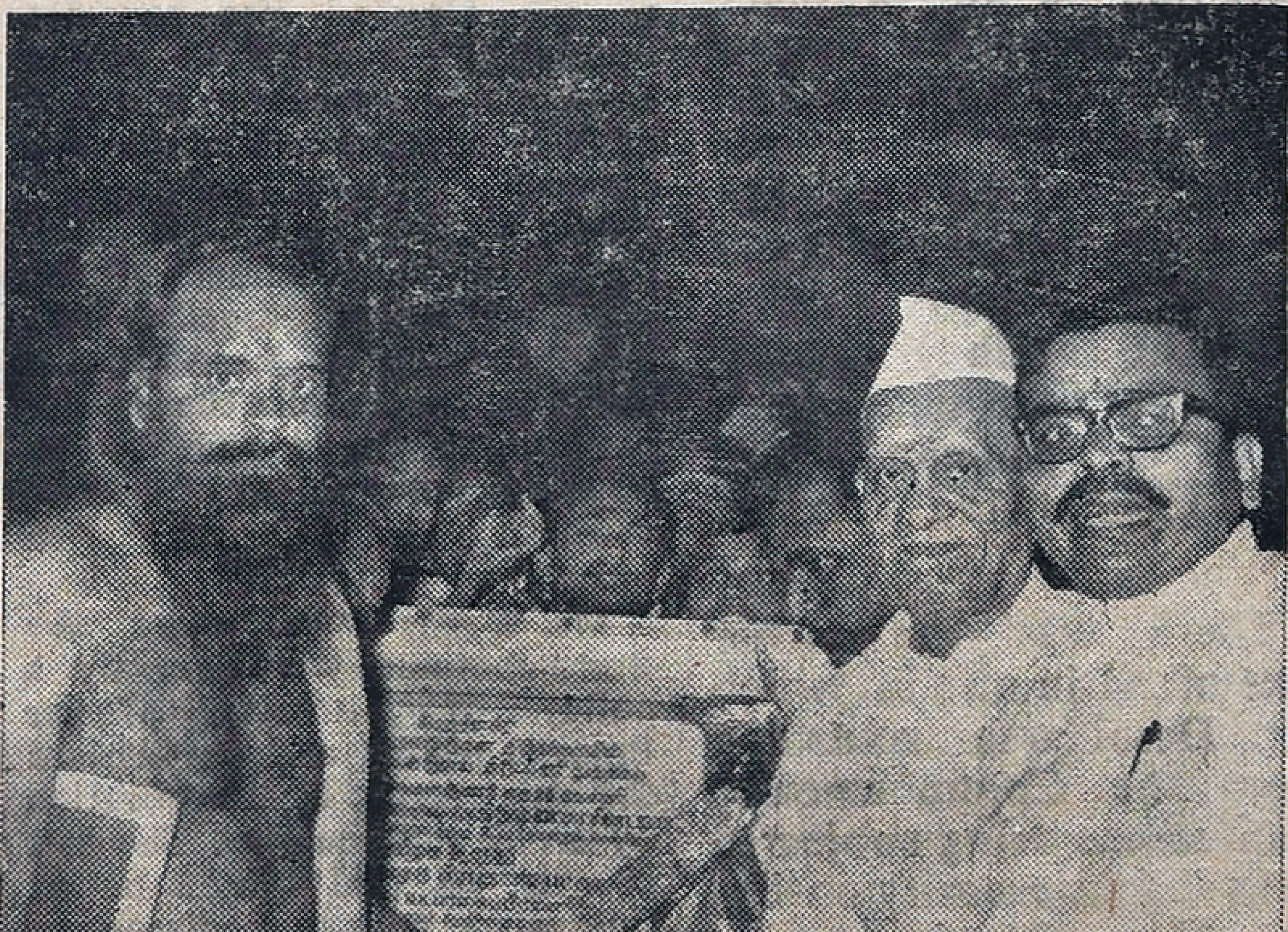
It has been clearly stated by the Indian External Affairs Minister that notwithstanding the border dispute, it should be possible for China and India to come together for discussion on matters of mutual interest to the two countries who have a responsible role to play in human affairs.

Peking is sending a goodwill mission to India next month under the auspices of the Dr. Kotnis Memorial Committee. When a delegation of this nature is led by a prestigious personality like Mr. Wong Ping men who ranks quite high in the Chinese Communist Party hierarchy and the Government, the visit attaches more meaning than merely goodwill or a reciprocation to the recent visit to China of the Indian Branch of the Kotnis Memorial Committee.

### NEW TREND

India need not confine to the Poeple-to-People stance which is more in keeping with the Chinese system of dealing with outsiders, but must cast off the mask and engage the delegation or fruitful discussions taking advantage of the presence of Mr. Wang.

The new move on the part of China must be viewed from the great and dynamic changes taking place within People's China showing sings of flexibility and readiness on the part of the new regime to undo the harm done to Sino-Indian relations during Mao's time.



Sri Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the work on the sacred tank of Sri Balamurugan Temple, Ratnagiri, near Vellore on February 10. Picture shows the Governor with Sri Balamuruganadimai Swami but for whose efforts the temple could not have grown to its present stature. (Report on page 8.)

## Non-hereditary trustees for temples soon

Non-hereditary trustees will soon be appointed for temples in the State. Instructions have already been issued to the H R. & C. E. Commissioner in this connection. The process is expected to be completed in about three months.

Old non hereditary trustees demitted office in June 1976 when the State was under President's rule and management of temple's was taken over by "fit persons".

The Government has now decided to set up boards of trustees.

There are about 10,000 temples where annual income is Rs. 10,000 and less, and trustees for these will be appointed by the Assist Commissioners of H. R. & C. E.

For temples with an annual income exceeding Rs. 10,000 but less than Rs. 20,000 trustees will be appointed by the H. R. & C. E. Commissioner. There are about 500 temples in the category.

Trustees for temples with an annual income exceeding Rs. 20,000 will be appointed by Government. Temples in this category number about 500.

**THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA**

My intellect rebels against the destruction of any life in any shape whatsoever. But my heart is not strong enough to befriend these creatures, which, experience has shown, are destructive.

ASOKA SCENTED BETEL NUT POWDER

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## AUSTERITY MISPLACED

THE nation holds the lives of the President and the Prime Minister invaluable. It does not serve the interest of the country to have them risk their lives in the name of austerity.

If the Prime Minister is very particular about bartering his own life for the sake of austerity, then it would be far better for him not to travel at all to any place outside India or even out of Delhi. Quite a lot of time and money could be saved and he could devote more attention to pressing national affairs.

The other snag about austerity not really being economical in actual application, is the fact that when travelling by the ordinary scheduled flights, the Prime Minister and his entourage deprive several fare-paying passengers of their legitimate claim for accommodation on that particular flight. Because many seats go vacant, the financial loss to Air India and Indian Airlines is enormous. Going by scheduled flights does not imply austerity in the real sense.

The decision therefore at the highest level that hereafter the PM and the President must only travel by chartered plane for overseas travel and by either IAF plane or helicopter within the country is a wise move.

The absurdity of this business of a Head of State travelling as an ordinary passenger either by train or plane became self-evident only recently when the Frontier Mail by which Mr Desai was to tavel to Surat got held up for several hours at Bombay Central to make a thorough search of all the passengers and luggage following a bomb scare.

There was the earlier case of AI jumbo in which Mr. Desai was returning from the Commonwealth Conference being subjected to stringent security checks in New York and at London so much so the plane flew half empty at the height of the summer tourist season when normally there is a great scramble for seats.

*Of Men And Matters*

# Hotbed Of Education

EDUCATION is defined in the dictionary as instructing the mind or body so as to strengthen it. In other words, the human mind or body may be strengthened for good or evil ends.

The tragic reality of present-day education in our own country is the pernicious impact provided by the schools and colleges on the attitudes and outlook of the youths of India.

The universities ought to be the training ground for creative and critical use of the mind, but all that is happening is political brain-washing and a daily and ruthless stifling of the powers of the mind.

Everything that happens now seems to kill all motivation for honest and solid work. Academically the institutions may close for more than half of the year and yet, courses (syllabus) are said to have been completely covered, examinations conducted and students of average intelligence come out with high marks thanks to the assistance they receive from the tutorial colleges.

Since the colleges opened in July of last year, it is extremely doubtful whether many of them have upto now worked for more than 50 days or so; even these 50 days have been marked with strikes, agitations and demonstrations on one issue or the other and closures in anticipation of troubles, and on account of some celebration, mourning or festivals. The serious-minded students and their parents are helpless in this regard.

We hear of the University Grants Commission making grants of crores of rupees for higher education and see huge buildings come up. All kinds of sophisticated equipment are received from abroad in the name of education and many of them remain unpacked to this day.

In a recent survey conducted by a publication devoted to education on student unrest, some students have bemoaned of "a large number of power hungry politicians holding the students and colleges to ransom".

In the light of these facts should we not think of non-institutionalised education for all those who desire to pursue education for the purpose of gaining knowledge in their chosen fields. The insistence of the Syndicate of the Universities requiring students to put in certain number of term days to be eligible for sitting in examinations to obtain degrees has come to be a total farce.

Instead of continuing to treat education as merely illusory, why not permit candidates who want to qualify for degrees to appear privately through self education or through correspondence. Only a few universities in the country offer this facility.

In fact in order that education may become quite meaningful, the leading educationists in India must evolve a scheme which would benefit the students according to their particular requirements.

The rural youth need not look to higher academic qualification as the only means for a higher life. The drop outs from the schools and colleges must be channeled towards job-cum-skill oriented education. Only those who aspire for a professional career with high academical attainments need attend colleges.

—DEEVEE.

# Appeal Against Apartheid

**THE Security Council's first meeting of 1978 heard an appeal for the opening of a register of "known criminals pre-eminently guilty of excesses" in fostering apartheid.**

The appeal was made by Mr. Donald Woods, a South African newspaper editor, who was banned by the Pretoria Government and subsequently fled the country.

He was invited to speak as the Council met at the request of the African states (Gabon, Mauritius and Nigeria) to resume consideration of the apartheid problem.

In issuing the appeal, he invoked the United Nations declaration calling for the outlawing of apartheid as a crime against humanity. He appealed to the Council "to consider opening of a register of known criminals pre eminently guilty of excesses in furtherance of such crimes."

Mr. Woods said that mere listing of their names in the proposed register, together with prohibition of all inter national travel for them under the risk of prosecution, would constitute a powerful sanction.

### FIRST PRIORITY

Mr. Woods also urged the world community to intensify a policy of ostracism of the Pretoria regime and emphasised the importance of co-operation by the Western nations. The first priority, he said should be an immediate policy of disengagement from existing diplomatic, cultural, sporting, trade, military, investment and general economic ties.

### POSITIVE ACTION URGED

He had come to the Council, Mr. Woods said, to present the case for the real South Africa: the entire nation of 25 million people, who were all victims of apartheid. He asked that United Nations actions against apartheid be positive, constructive and non-violent and also that it be practical and effective.

### LAST TRAIN

The Council met under the presidency of Brigadier Joseph N. Garba (Nigeria). Speaking for his country at the outset, Brigadier Garba said that Nigeria and Africa were very much concerned that the Council should take effective action regarding southern Africa this year lest it miss "the last train to peace and stability in the region."

Brigadier Garba said that the stalling of the Anglo-American initiative on Southern Rhodesia could be seen as a tactical move to permit Ian Smith to try his hand at a so-called "internal settlement" so that the international community would be faced with an accomplished fact.

### WESTERN OBJECTIVES

Western objectives had never changed, he stated. There had only been a change in strategy. The pattern was the same in Nambia, where the Pretoria regime planned to resuscitate through the back door the objectives "ostensibly abandoned in Turnhalle", in another so-called "internal solution."

# SLOGANS ZINDABAD!

By SAMPATH KRISHNA

FIVE states and a Union territory are getting ready for their assembly elections which is just round the corner.

Like a distant drum beat, "Vote for......" pierces my ear drum. People agog with noise and exitement spout out comments and shout slogans of kaleidoscopic kinds relevant or irrelevant. Heckles or praises dished out to cow down opposite parties are also not uncommon. Ultimately these slogan peddlas pave the way for the kind of government they want. Friends germinate speedily and dry up. Promisses are made easily and broken up. A flood of salutes and hand-shakes greet you to bag your, the voter's sympathy.

Slogan, the infallible instrument of democracy remains as an indispensible and conspicuous part of elections.

Originally it was a battle cry, then a catch word or a motto associated with political parties or a catch phrase advertising a product. The candidate can be taken as the culminating product. Slogans are intended to create rapport between the voter and the voted.

Slogans are legion. Some disturb you lightly and some get under your skin. You are confronted with certain tantalising and titillating slogans. The inferior kind of slogans are hateful as any noxious nostrum However all are intended to work up for either success or failure of the aspirant.

To be effective a slogan should be catchy. The more it is easy on the tongue, the better eloquent it turns up. It should be clear, pithy and realistic. It is expected to hit the nail on the head as it were and not the pate of the voter.

As a student long time ago, I indulged in slogan-shouting in company of others for the college union elections. On some other occassion during those palmy days, they were employed to register our pratest. ' We......want ......holiday" and "Down with hostel (hostile) food" were some samples To make them more effective we thumped our class room desks accompanied by an orchestra made up of catcalls, whistles, mouth-organ cum trumpet sounds. That was just a juvenile heats before the future final real event.

Memorable and lively words, "Freedom is my birthright" by that great patriot Tilak was a great slogan during the early days of freedom struggle.

Gandhiji's "Do or Die" become world renowned. Of course we got to 'doing' and achieved freedom. In the process some of our countrymen had to 'die' to prove the veracity in the slogan. The allileration in the phrase gives it great punch.

"Garibi Hatao" could not fulfill its purpose. Floating poverty added to the already existing ones. Some tried to see in the poor man's 'smile' the elusive 'God' but in vain. The Congress boys bungled and bungled at every step.

Some interested Delhiites coined an epithet "Chalte ki naam gaji" to the brief cabinet of late Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Kamaraj and his inseperable 'Parkalam'—Let's see, implying let's wait—was a slogan the southerners are more familiar with. Poor veteran politician, he had immense patience to see on and on helplessly at the fast deteriorating politics of his time.

"Don't you hear the cackle again from the crowd vociferously calling out, VOTE FOR ——"? The noise has developed into a crescendo You may feel, why their plea does not carry the word "please" in it. Please's, sorry's and excuse-me's are not for the hurried tempo of poll when there is rush of matter and events every second. No extra word should take up the time for 'Brevity' sure they insist 'is the soul of wit' though they may have to canvass sometime to a soulless and witless person.

A good old friend of me has the habit of using, "Don't mistake me" on and off to establish an atmosphere of friendliness.

The Family planning slogans had an over usage. Its symbol of inverted red triangle seemed to have made the ministe of health red that resulted in removal of the word 'Planning' from the slogan. It may not mean, 'Who are you to plan?' You leave it to God and just contribute to establish welfare for the families.

S. M. Joshi called out, "For the glory of the cause we will go down fighting"—among ourselves.

You will find candid camaradarie in Comrade Dange's slogan, "In my heart I know I am right."

"Telangana Zindabad" was the crisp call of late A. K. Gopalan.

Swatantra leader Rajaji and an elder statesman of our country had said, "I have come to bury Congress, not to praise it". This is quite Romanic in spirit like that of Mark Antony, in the present context. Many more slogans can be retrieved from one's memory.

Here is another one. "Capitalism is a system for the exploitation of man by man; under socialism it is the other way round !" This sounds more like a deft definition than a slogan. "Duty, Dignity, Discipline" was a popular slogan. It is again a re-statement composed from the tenets of time honoured moral education imparted to children at schools and homes. Slogans split like amoeba. You can join them anew, remark afresh, and multiply in numerous patterns.

For my part let me gasp out, "Eureka", and close down with my own, "Slogans Zindabad" !

## Successful Test

A Danish exporter with a sense of humour came to the conclusion that the rather tedious job of filling customs declarations was really unnecessary because customs officers did not read them. And proved it. For six months, says the West German *Der Spiegel*, he wrote all sorts of nonsense in the goods column, including such things as "Deceased Officials," "Pink Santa Clauses" and "Used Cheers." And not once did it is abracadabra evoke the surprise of the "vigilant" customs officers.

## It's A Rich Man's World

The president of SIR, one of the biggest chemical concerns in Italy, has been charged with fraud, speculation in stocks, forgery of financial documents and other offences. Investigations revealed that he had for years indulged in shady deals with the help of powerful economic and financial groups that benefited by his mechinations. Now these business sharks are doing everything to get the case shelved. And not unsuccessfully: the hearings are going at a snail's pace. Italy is a wonderful country, Rome newspapers comment sarcastically. Steal a chicken and you find yourself behind bars. And those who break the laws making hundreds of billions of lire go scot free.

# CHOOSING A HUSBAND!

FIRST of all, it is essential to know what is a man. Science gives an exact definition. A man is a living being belonging to the division of of vertebrates, who is easily domesticated and can be trained to wash dishes, polish floors, and bring home potatoes and money.

Now to get down to business. Anyone can find a husband: beauties, pretty girls, and quite plain ones.

Fat girls, thin girls and silly girls have no trouble getting married.

It is harder for an intelligent girl to get married. What man wants to have a wife smarter than he is ?

When choosing a husband, first take note of his height. Men come in three sizes: short, medium and tall, like suits. Tall men are unremunerative in terms of home management. Short men, on the other hand, are convenient and profitable. With a short husband there is no need to discard old dresses and at least two caps can be made out of one skirt.

Men of medium height resemble short ones, but they eat like tall ones.

Men have eyes that are blue, grey, green, hazel, brown and bold-regardless of colours.

Men who regularly attend the lectures "I want to know Everything" have bulging eyes.

Now about hair colour.

Blonds are modest, trusting, childishly naive. They hand over their whole pay to their wife.

Dark man are quick-tempered and jealous. If suspecting their wife of unfaithfulness, they storm about and vow to shoot her and themselves, only they don't know who to start with. Unable to resolve this question, they leave home forever,.........till supper.

Redheads. Kind, pleasant and extravagant. Redheads always consider themselves blonds. If you marry a redhead, never start a quarrel until you have fed him. When hungry they are dangerous.

And then there are the gleaming ones, or, as they are called behind their backs, baldies, serious and economical. They don't waste money on hairstylists, combs and expensive shampoos. The folk saying has it that if one is bald in front, it's from wisdom. If the bald spot is in the back you are dealing with a womanizer. Front and back–a man who is smart in chasing women.

If you're going to get married, marry a bald man. Such a husband is a find. Somehow, with him a home is always cozy and bright.

—*Lev Ismailov & Alexander Levenbook.*

## Lesson On Free Enterprise

Among the subjects taught in secondary schools are mathematics, literature, physics and chemistry. The U.S. corporation Wheelabrator Frye Inc. has come up with a new "subject" for students of U.S. high schools and colleges. The purpose of its well got-out publication entitled "The Golden Goose" is to explain to America's younger generation the basic principles of free enterprise.

And so once upon a time there lived, for instance, Wheelabrator Frye Inc. According to the booklet, it has savings. "When a company sells a product the money it receives is used to pay its employees, to pay suppliers, and to pay taxes to the government. Whatever is left is SAVINGS".

But where do those savings come from, the booklet further asks. From business, we learn. "Business is really responsible for almost all of our SAVINGS—in one way or another—and these SAVINGS make JOBS". Says the booklet: "If you think of paychecks and jobs as GOLDEN EGGS—something everyone wants—then Business is the GOLDEN GOOSE who lays these EGGS".

We've heard that fairy tale before. Like any other, it points a moral.

"But," says the booklet, "like the goose who could lay only one golden egg a day BUSINESS can only create a certain amount of paychecks and jobs each day. If we demand too much we can take away its health ...or even its life. When people demand too much—some wanting prices to fail...others wanting more welfare aid...that's like trying to squeeze too many eggs too fast from the goose"

The moral is illustrated with a picture of a dead goose on an empty nest. Which makes things clear to the young American. Mind you take good care of Business and don't try to take away its profits.

## Highway Slaughter

U.S. road accidents have taken a toll of two million lives since the beginning of this century. Many Americans hold that these accidents, which are constantly increasing in number, have become a regular epidemic. And so the safety expert, probably has good reason to call himself an epidemiologist. Among the devices he suggests to reduce the number of accidents with fatal outcome are airbags, head restraints, padded dashboards and stronger bumpers. His prescriptions, however, have not aroused much enthusiasm among car manufacturers in Detroit.

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## Stripping Competition

Italy's strip girls recently threatened to strike because of new competition and, what is more, by non-professionals. The professional strippers performed for a Turin television station. One evening, probably to save some money, the station resorted to the services of a housewife. After that this became a regular practice. The professional strippers' leader, said 'a strike might be the only answer".

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## Well Deserved

A public poll was recently conducted in West Germany to see what people thought about the judiciary. As far as the latter were concerned, the results were hardly comforting: 81 per cent complained of red tape, 73 per cent said that they did not understand the legal jargon, 69 per cent complained of the atmosphere of intimidation in the courts, 47 percent—of haughty attitude towards people from lower rungs of society, 40 per cent—of arrogance of court officials, and 48 per cent said the verdicts were not fair.

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## On The Bottom Rung

Only 84 of the 4,205 professorships in Britain are held by women. There are only seven women professors in Scotland and just one in Northern Ireland. There is no woman professorship among the engineering faculties of the 44 universities or in the schools of architecture, agriculture, etc. The article on this subject in the Guardian is headlined: "Women Stay at Bottom of University Leader".

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# FUN AND LAUGHTER

### PARTING KICK

A man slipped on an escalator and started to slide down to the bottom. Half way down he collided with a woman, knocking her down, and the two continued their way together.

After they had reached the bottom, the woman, still dazed continued to sit on the man's chest. Looking up at her he said politely:

"I'm sorry madam, but this is as far as I go."

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### EXPERIMENTAL!

A professor of English literature included in his examination questions the query: "What did Shakespeare do in his experimental period?"

He naturally expected the students to provide the titles of some of the great master's early plays, but one knowing young lady removed the curse of dullness from her paper by replying. "He married Anne Hathaway".

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### LAST STRAW

Nurse: How's the pain in the back?

Patient: Getting better.

Nurse: How's the pain in your head?

Patient: That's okay.

Nurse: How's the pain in the kneck.

Patient: She's out at some luncheon.

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### REASON

A woman getting off a bus was seen deliberately to place a package on the seat. A fellow passenger, alighting at the same time, asked her why.

"I do it every day," was the reply. "It's my old man's lunch. He works in the Lost Property Office".

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### THE PUNISHMENT

Modern Miss: "Mother, did you ever flirt when you were young?"

Mother: "Yes, dear, I'm afraid I did".

Modern Miss: "And were you punished for it?"

Mother: "Yes, dear, I married your father".

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### DIFFERENCE

"Well I'm all right, I've got the best mother-in-law in the country".

"Yes, it makes a difference having her in the country".

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### HARD WORK

"I got my money through sheer hard work".

"But I thought your uncle left it to you".

"So he did. But have you tried getting money from lawyers?"

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### WRONG

Newly-wed: "Is the steak tough or the knife blunt?"

Wife: "But, darling, it isn't steak; it's pudding".

### MODERN AGE

On holiday in the country for the first time, a very small Glasgow boy chanced to see in the garden a large spider spinning an outsize web.

Excitedly he rushed into the house with the cry: "Come quick, Auntie—there's an animal fixing up wireless".

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### IGNORANCE

Teacher: Miss Sylvester, what do you know about Spanish syntax?

Student: Gosh, I didn't know the Spaniards had to pay for their fun.

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### ANSWER

Teacher: If you were in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, facing the North Pole, what would be on your left hand?

Mary: My engagement ring.

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### ON PAPER

Joe: Do you know what the steel industry is figuring on now?

Blow: What?

Joe: Paper.

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### DONT WORRY

Hostess: Be careful not to drop that marble statuette.

Maid: On don't worry about it that madam—even if I did drop it, it's too light to hurt my toe.

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### INNOCENT ABROAD

"And did you enjoy your trip through Switzerland?"

"Yes, very much. They had such attractive postcards all through that country".

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### TIME & PLACE

"Don't you think long hair makes a man look awfully intellectual?"

"That depends. My wife found a long hair on my coat sleeve yesterday, and I looked a perfect ass".

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### PROPER PLACE

Woman: Do you have organdy curtains?

Shopkeeper: Yes, indeed.

Woman: Can I put them on myself?

Shopkeeper: Yes, but I think they'd look better on the window.

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### WHAT HE NEEDS

The new vicar had preached his first sermon, and a critical member of the chruch an exceedingly fat man, waylaid him after the service.

"Not a bad beginning, sir," he said, patronizingly, "bit too scientific and modern, perhaps, but quite fair. Remember, parson, you must feed the sheep, feed the sheep".

The vicar surveyed his bulky critic and replied, "My dear man, its exercise you need, not food".

# Gadgets Control Man

ROBERT Wilson accelerates his 1977 Oldsmobile Toronado each morning and heads down the tollway to an accounting job in downtown Chicago. Wilson is unaware of the book-size electronic circuit board nestled behind the Toronado's dashboard. But the circuitry, actually a sophisticated digital computer, makes Wilson and some 35,000 other Toronado drivers this year pioneers in a revolutionary new development in the automotive field.

Two tiny microcircuits on the board—much like those in pocket calculators—sample the Toronado's manifold vacuum, coolant temperature, and crankshaft position through sensors. The microcircuits consult 350 memorized data points, perform thousands of calculations each second, and send out signals to fire the V-8's spark plugs. As a result, Wilson pockets a 1.2 miles per gallon (0.5 kilometres per litre) fuel saving.

"This advanced electronics system will continually adjust ignition timing for the best fuel economy, driveability, and emissions performance under the broad range of driving conditions that our customers put their cars through," General Motors president Elliott Estes said when it was introduced.

SPECTACULAR ADVANCES

Within a few years, similar microcomputer circuits are expected to take over more engine control, auxiliary, and display functions in cars. Experts predict eventual mileage gains of 20 to 40 per cent through the use of onboard computers, which will also handle everything from antiskid braking to alarms that prevent you from dozing off behind the wheel.

Although microprocessors, the heart of digital microcomputers, have nudged into the automotive field only this year, they've recently made spectacular advances in other areas. Sometimes called the computer-on-a-chip, microprocessors are turning up in microwave ovens, hi-fi equipment, telephones, gas pumps, traffic lights, hobbyist and scientific computers, point-of-sale terminals, washing machines, electronic games, test-equipment, and hundreds of other applications.

The low cost microcircuits are making switches, gears, levers, springs, and relays obsolete in many industrial applications, just as calculator microcircuits doomed the early electro mechanical calculators. And although the tiny circuits lack the power of larger modern computer systems, engineers are learning how to link numerous microprocessors together into supercomputers.

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Microprocessors became feasible in the late 1960s with large-scale integration of microcircuit technology. Refinements in metal-oxide semiconductor technology made it possible to form thousands of transistor circuits—entire prewired electronic systems—on silicon chips. Pocket calculators and digital wrist-watches are one highly visible application.

Before large scale integration, engineers had to select dozens or hundreds of medium-scale integration packages, each carrying about 50 to 100 microcomponents, or ordinary integrated circuits (ICs), with still fewer components. These microcircuits, each performing different digitallogic functions, were permanently hand-wired together on printed circuit boards. One outstanding result of this design approach was the relatively low-cost, cabinet-size minicomputer that beginning in the mid-1960s, revolutionized the industry.

Engineers at several firms reasoned that, rather than wiring many standard digital-logic circuits together, it would make sense to design a general-purpose chip that could easily be programmed to duplicate the logic functions of most standard chips. Logic programmes could be stored on a memory chip and called into use in microseconds.

LOW COST

Intel Corporation began marketing such circuits, the 4004 and 8008 microprocessors, in 1971, and has been joined by other semiconductor manufacturers in producing families of microprocessors.

Storing digital logic sequences on memory chips, by some estimates, makes it feasible to eliminate up to 200 IC packages permanently wired together—an incredible advance. Such a memory circuit, combined with a microprocessor and input/output circuits, forms a microcomputer.

Using microprocessors, an electronic system that normally required a typewriter-size case and hundreds of dollars can fit on a five-by-seven-inch (12 by 17 cm) circuit board at a very low cost. The introduction this year of single-chip microcomputers should soon push costs for most of a system's circuitry to below five dollars (for large orders).

Low cost, of course, is fundamental for mass-produced automobiles—but that's not all. The enormous reduction in the number of circuit connections on microcomputers makes their reliability better than that of hardwired systems. Extreme heat, cold, humidity and vibration as found in cars are often tougher on electronic parts than in some aerospace applications.

"If we get to the point where 50-million cars contain a certain electronic component vital to the engine's operation, and we have a failure rate of only one per thousand,' explains Ford's president Lee Iacocca, "then we're talking about 50,000 disabled cars!"

FIRST PRIORITY

The use of microcomputers to control fuel economy and emissions will get first priority as the match-head-size chips go into cars. But by the early 1980s competition in Detroit and from overseas may generate a race among manufacturers to top each others' computer-based functions.

Navigation devices might tell where you're located during a journey; an alcohol-detection system could reduce incidents of drunken driving. "A microprocessor can be interposed between the driver and the engine to force better driving habits," says Gerald Herzog, an engineer at RCA Laboratories. Fuel-economy modes could be varied and selected by the driver.

"In the future," says W.A. Clapp another RCA engineer, "microprocessors will be used more as systems components. There will be the building blocks instead of the integrated circuits found in the catalogues we use today." Clapp foresees a ten-fold jump in chip density, putting 50,000 to 100,000 transistors on a single chip.

*—Popular Science.*

## 'House Of Steel'

It may be a kitchen today, but tomorrow it could be a spare bedroom complete with shower fitting or, for that matter, a living-room. For this is West Berlin's 'house of steel,' designed for variable living by a prize-winning team of architects from the Federal Republic of Germany.

All rooms have full access to service facilities—water, heating and ventilation and are standardised to take most modern fittings, so tenants can very much live as they please. The design principle is claimed to be economic and is obviously adaptable to the differing needs of both short-term tenants and long-lease families as children arrive, grow up and then leave to start families of their own.

## Better Not Win

The state lottery brings the Italian Treasury a lot of money every year. For many Italians, however, a win means more trouble than anything else. First, it often takes them months to get their winnings: the Finance Ministry defers payment on all sorts of pretexts. Second, some lottery winnings are regarded as additional taxable income. What is more, tax inspectors ask the "lucky" people so many questions that the latter decide not to buy any more lottery tickets.

## Degree Course In Tourism

An eight-semester degree course in tourism at Munich is the first of its kind in the Federal Republic of Germany, Bavarian Education Minister Hans Maier proudly claims. It consists of a three-year business management course plus an extra year specialising in hotels and catering and other aspects of the tourist.

The tourist trade is still increasing by leaps and bounds. In the Federal Republic of Germany one half million people depend on it for a living, while bed-nights in 1976 totalled 227 million, or nearly twice as many as in 1960. Holiday-makers earn the country more than 8 000 million deutschmarks in foreign exchange even more than Spain nets from tourists—and there is still a shortage of qualified staff.

The same is true of many parts of the world, especially Afro-Asian countries for whom holidaymakers are a major source of revenue, so the Munich degree course seems likely to cater for a brisk demand.

## Peace Research

More than fourteen million deutschmarks have so far been invested in peace research by the Federal and state governments, industry, trade unions and other organisations in the Federal Republic of Germany, according to a newly-published report in Bonn.

The peace Research Association tion, set up in 1970 on the initiative of the late President Heinemann, has sponsored 158 projects, commissioned university research in 93 cases and financed 39 peace research conferences. The topics dealt with are mainly economic and social, ranging from disarmament to education. Close ties are maintained with government departments and other organisations.

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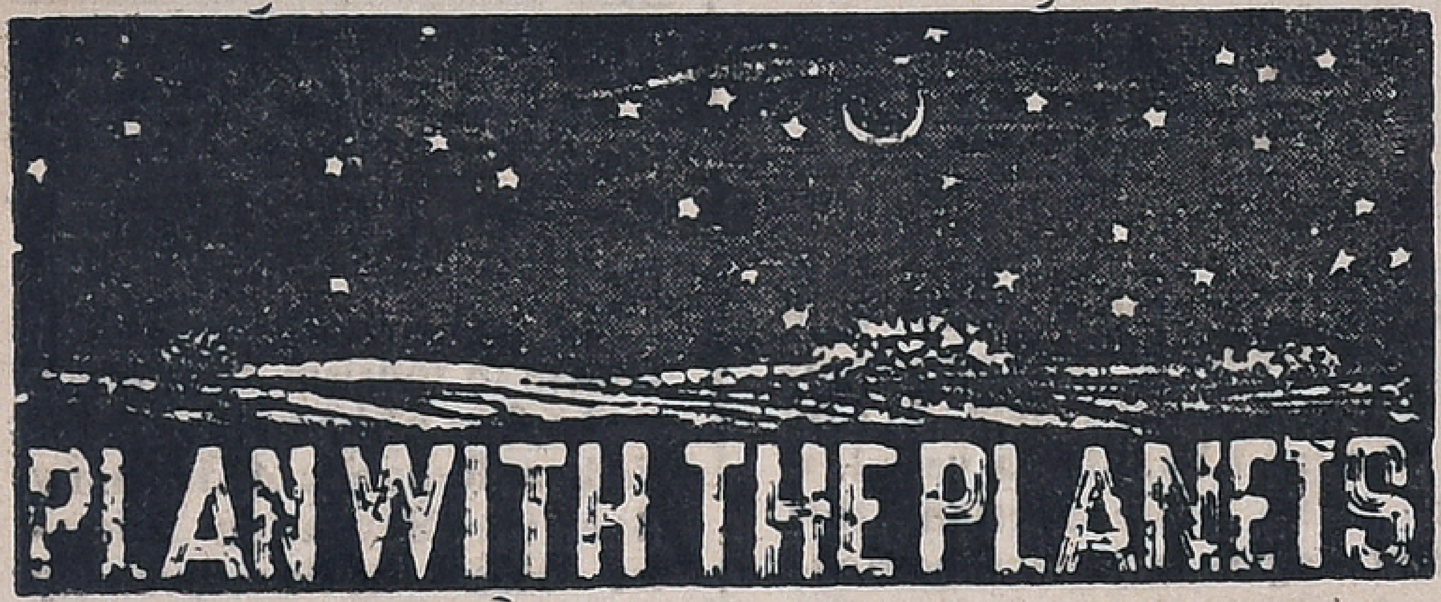
## What Is It?

A citizen of Virginia, (U.S.A.) put a car on the roof of his garage. The local judge, however, told him to get it off, saying it was a business sign and as such violated a section of the building code prohibiting business signs above roof level in that particular area. The affected argued that it was not a car at all, but a radio an enna and that it was not his fault that it looked suspiciously like a 1962 Chevrolet. The suit is still on though it is clear even to a child that even if it has an antenna, the car has nothing to do with radio and is merely an advertising gimmick that attracts business to the garage.




For The Week 19th February To 25th February 1978

**MESHA (ARIES)**
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THIS week opens with chances of success in professional field. With some foresight and diplomacy you should be able to achieve considerable success. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Children's progress will give you much pleasure. Health will be well maintained. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 20th & 21st.

**VRISHABA (TAURUS)**
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THIS week opens with a renewed emphasis on monetary affairs. Speculative gains are also indicated. There is no major change in office. You should try to complete outstanding works. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Political and social trends will be encouraging. Short distance travel is a possibility. Favourable days: 19th & 20th.

**MITHUNA (GEMINI)**
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THIS week shows mixed trends. You should wait for some more time to get complete relief from worries and anxieties. Finance will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Domestic responsibility will increase. But you can expect cooperation from your family members. Health will be well maintained. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 23rd & 24th.

**KATAKA (CANCER)**
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THE week shows ordinary results. You should devote more attention for official matters. Also avoid arguments with superiors. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Domestic atmosphere will be normal. Partnership matters require attention. Health will be well maintained. Short distance journey is a possibility. Change of place is indicated for some. Favourable days: 22nd & 23rd.

**SIMHA (LEO)**
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THIS week is good for personal matters. Professional prospects will improve. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Political and social trends will be encouraging. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Some old contacts will be revived this week. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Long distance journeys should be avoided. Health will improve. Favourable days: 24th & 25th

**KANYA (VIRGO)**
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

MOST of the week shows favourable results. You will be taking up additional responsibilities, but you can expect good returns for your efforts. Financial position will be satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are indicated. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Short distance journey is a possibility. Health requires attention. Favourable days: 23rd & 24th.

**THULA (LIBRA)**
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THIS week shows mixed results. You will get an opportunity to develop new lines. But you should be cautious in dealing with strangers. Partnership matters require attention. Financial position will improve. Avoid impulsive actions while deciding important matters. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Health will be well maintained.

**VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)**
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

MOST of the week will be given a new and more attractive position. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Property matters could be finalised favourably. Domestic responsibility will increase. But you can expect cooperation from your family members. Youngsters need watching. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 23rd & 24th.

# Muscovite's Diary

IVAN IVANOV

## "SHAKUNTALA" IN MOSCOW

THOUGH we are in Moscow, we have every opportunity to read Indian literatures in our language, to see Indian dances, music etc. For example I have seen the ballet "Shakuntala" many a times in Moscow. Moscow's Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko musical theatre is now about to produce it in its own way directed by the well known Soviet composer Sergey Balasanyan, who is a Nehru award laureate. The producers have decided that it would be as close to Kalidasa as possible. The theatre's Chief Choreographer, Alexei Chichinadze, and Chief Artist, Alexander Lushin, are going to India to collect material for that production.

Chichinadze sought to break out of the limitations of traditional ballet. He was helped in his search by the then chief choreographer of the theatre, Vladimir Burmeister, an outstanding Soviet ballet-master.

Alexander Lushin is 75. He has made scenery for more than 100 productions, mostly for the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Theatre.

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## NEW PICTURE GALLERY

THE construction of the exhibition halls of the USSR Artists' Union—the first section of the State Picture Gallery—has been completed in Moscow.

The exhibition has been divided into five sections. Each section forms an independent ring beginning in the lobby. Visitors can choose any section to their liking. Architects have ensured the maximum of natural lighting. For evening lighting scientists have designed special facilities—a combination of luminescent sources and incandescent lamps, producing a spectrum close to daylight.

The gallery will house two cine-lecture halls seating 650 and 220 people, various laboratories, a library with a book depository for 200,000 volumes, studies for researchers and restoration workshops. Thus, the new picture gallery will turn into a big centre studying the problems of present-day fine arts.

**DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)**
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

THIS week shows mixed results. You will get an opportunity to develop new lines. But you should be cautious in dealing with strangers. Partnership matters require attention. Financial position will improve. Avoid speculative investments. Also avoid friction with associates. Family members will be cooperative. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Favourable days: 18th & 19th.

**MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)**
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

MOST of the week will be favourable. You should try to make best use of this opportunity to improve your position. You can expect much help from your superiors. You will be given a new and more attractive position. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments. Partnership matters require attention. Youngsters need watching. Favourable days: 20th & 21st.

**KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)**
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THIS week shows mixed trends. You will be able to complete some of the long pending works. Family responsibility will increase. Avoid friction with elders. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Legal matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Favourable days: 22nd & 23rd.

**MEENA (PISCES)**
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THIS week shows favourable trends. You will be able to complete some of the long pending works. Financial position will improve. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. You should continue your efforts. You will be able to reap the benefits in a couple of weeks. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Short journeys are indicated. Health requires attention. Favourable days: 24th & 25th.

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*RACING REVIEW :*

# Grand Parade Crawled To Win S. I. St Leger

By SNAPPER

THE last of the classics at Guindy this season witnessed the running of the S.I, St. Legar in slow motion with only three horses, Grand Parade, Ivanjica and Fox Bat participating. Right from the word go and up to the finish the 2,800M was covered at a crawling pace with no rider wanting to set a substantial lead in the earlier stage.

The time returned by Grand Parade of 3min. 31-2/5 secs. was slower than even the track time and this would indicate how unimpressive the progress of the race could have been.

Because of the paucity of horses in that race and only two other challenging Grand Parade, the St. Leger day failed to attract the usually large crowd which usually throngs the Guindy Race Course to watch the grueling run.

The Bobbili Cup which at one time used to be a very popular event for racegoers at Guindy was won last Sunday by Hampton Court (Mathews up) who made it a start-to-finish affair. High Society which ran in snatches managed to claim the runners-up berth this time.

The Queen Elizabeth Commemoration Cup for 3-year-olds also did not attract more than four runners and as anticipated, Red Chieftan made a light job of the 1,600M winning it by six lengths from the light built Ali who finished strongly from Enter the Red and Tallahassee.

Pixie Girl who has made striking progress this year chalked out her third win in a row and put to shame such good performers as Red Alligator, Desperado and Candide. Carroll had kept Red Alligator too far back in the earlier part of the Neon Plate of 1400M to make the last dash really effective on the winner. Punters are adviced to keep an eye on Roman Eagle and Roman Flame when they are next saddled.

## SATURDAY RACES

The following are the runners for the extra day's races to be run at Guindy on Saturday, February 18, 1978.

**1. YAMUNA PLATE**
1200 Metres 2-45 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. IV

1. Kitchini 60, 2. Alphonsa 54½, 3 King Midas 52, 4. Pen Friend 51½.

**2. WESTERN GHAT PLATE**
1400 Metres 3-25 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. A
5 years old & upwards

1. Eastern Goddess 60, 2. Noble Venture 58½, 3. Red Knight 54½, 4. Multi Rock 53, 5. Roman Love 53, 6. Loyal Turk 50, 7. Lucky Scot 49½.

**3. INDORE PLATE**
1400 Metres 4-00 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. B
5 years old & upwards

1. Dearest 60, 2. Vihanga 57½, 3. Royal Riddle 55½, 4. Dawn of Hope 53½, 5. Irish Mint 51½, 6. Loyal Memories 47, 7. Dhall King 45½.

**4. TIRUTTANI PLATE**
1600 Metres 4 35 p m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. IV
5 years old & upwards

1. Veertha 60, 2. Bhagya Lakshmi 56½, 3. Artful Dodger 53½, 4 Canyon 53, 5. Academy Award 52½, 6. Goya 51, 7. Rose Drop 49½.

**5. MATHURA PLATE**
1200 Metres 5-10 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. A.

1. Winged Light 60, 2. Flare Path 60, 3 Royal Sapphire 59, 4. Uthrashada 58½, 5. Double Star 56, 6. Luminous 54, 7. Khan of Khoristan 53½, 8 Gigolette 53, 9. Scotch Frolic 51½, 10. Golden Pastures 49½.

**6. PAPANASAM PLATE**
1200 Metres 5-45 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. B

1. The Commanding Boy 60, 2. Sree Chandi 58½, 3. Madam X 58½, 4. Cannonade 55½, 5. Hidden Treasure 48, 6. Sweetness 45½, 7. Papego 45½.

| | Race Nos. |
|---|---|
| JACKPOT : | 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 |
| 1st TREBLE : | 1, 2 & 3. |
| 2nd TREBLE : | 4, 5 & 6. |
| 1st DOUBLE : | 2 & 3. |
| 2nd DOUBLE : | 4 & 5. |
| 1st TANALA : | Race : 3. |
| 2nd TANALA : | Race : 5. |

### Snapper's Selections

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| I | King Midas | Win only |
| II | Eastern Goddess | 1 |
| | Red Knight | 2 |
| III | Vihanga | 1 |
| | Loyal Memories | 2 |
| IV | Canyon | 1 |
| | Veertha | 2 |
| V | Flare Path | 1 |
| | Khan of Khoristan | 2 |
| | Royal Sapphire | 3 |
| VI | Sweetness | 1 |
| | Madam X | 2 |

*Best Bet :*
**Canyon**

*CRICKET*

# A Triumphant Tour

By P. N. SUNDARESAN

SET to make 493 runs for a victory in the final test match against Australia at Adelaide India hit up 445 runs, their best total in the five-test series which ended earlier this month. Despite being beaten, this gallant effort has left the detractors of our cricket speechless while there is no doubt that the Indian team will return to the country to a warm welcome, in spite of losing the series.

In most ways this is a triumphant tour for India. Their performance in the matches preceding the first test was heartwarming and very encouraging; then came two bitter defeats in the first two tests followed by the exhilaration of overwhelming victories in the third and fourth tests at Perth and Sydney; and, the final test proved a fitting climax to the series and the effect, for us at any rate would have been heightened if India had clinched a victory, which would have also given them the series. Only twice in the hundred years of test cricket has a team, set to a target of making over 400 runs in the second innings, achieved it: Australia did it in the first post-war home series against England in 1948 and India achieved the feat in the third test against West Indies at Port of Spain in 1976, when it hit off 403 runs for a win with Six wickets to spare.

Incidentally, this series went the same way that the home series against West Indies did in 1974-75. West Indies won by big margins at Bangalore and Delhi, after which India hit back at Calcutta and Madras. The final test at Bombay, like the recent one at Adelaide, was played on a pitch that was a batsman's paradise and winning the toss, West Indies piled up a big score, as Australia did at Adelaide, and laid the foundations for a victory. Only, India did not react to the challenge at Bombay in the same grand manner they did at Adelaide, and lost by an innings.

Just as the reputation of Pataudi as captain reached a peak in that series for having led the grand revival, Bedi's too is now at a pinnacle. He had as difficult a task as Pataudi had of building up a team when the latter took over from Wadekar in 1974. Though, this time, it was under his own captaincy that India had been mauled by England in the home tests in 1975-76. So when he and his team flew into Australia in November very few had hopes of India doing anything worthwhile in the series. But right from the start, Bedi gave the answer and except for a couple of matches he led them from triumph to triumph in every way. There are many detractors of Bedi's skill as captain in this country but from well-known critics like Jack Fingleton he has won unstinted praise for the manner in which he has led his team.

This is only to be expected from anybody who knows Bedi and his cricket well. The apparent dull exterior belies the hard nut inside, and every branch of the game in the country, from the player in the field to the administrator higher up, have found him a tough nut to crack And every time he has come on top of them. There will, I hope, no more rumpus in continuing him as captain for the next home series; and, even, if there is any hitch I am sure Bedi will overcome it as he has so often demonstrated in recent years.

## Prison Crisis

According to the British Home Office, the number of people held in the country's prisons is expected to reach a daily average of 43,170 by 1981. This considerable increase over the figure in the mid-sixties, when the prison population was, 33,000, is explained by the growth of indictable crimes. In 1975, for instance, there were two million of them. An ingenious way of relieving the crisis in the prisons has been suggested by the Home Secretary. He advocates shorter terms for prisoners.

## Monkey Business

A novel way has been thought up in West Germany to keep busy the numerous office workers forming part of the country's army of more than one million unemployed. The German Office Workers' Academy as organized 126 different fictitious firms which "trade" and "make deals" with one another and even "compete". Their "employees" are people living on a meagre dole. Without being paid for it, they have to take care of "business correspondence" which is thrown into wastepaper baskets at the end of the day.

**THE JOB**

Officer: "No, I can't find you a job. I have so many people here after jobs that I can't even remember their names".

Applicant. "Couldn't you give me the job of keeping a record of them?"

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**AS PER INSTRUCTIONS**

Kind lady: "Look here, my man, why do you always come to my house to beg?"

Tramp: "Doctor's orders, madam He told me when I found food that agreed with me I should stick to it".

# Ecstatic Moments At Ratnagiri

THE divine call, "Muruga", echoed around the hillock of Ratnagiri, Kiiminal, as Tamil Nadu Governor Prbhudas Patwari pulled the Golden Chariot of the temple to mark the inaugural 'run' on the evening of Friday, February 10.

The biggest and most important event cince the Mahakumbabisheksm of the Rajagopuram in the last ten years attracted thousands of devotees As the evening approached, people started pouring in from all places, far and near, to have a glimpse of the beautifully decorated golden chariot.

Sri Prabhudas Patwari was welcomed by Sri Balamurugauadimai Swami and others with poornakumbham at the foot of the hillock.

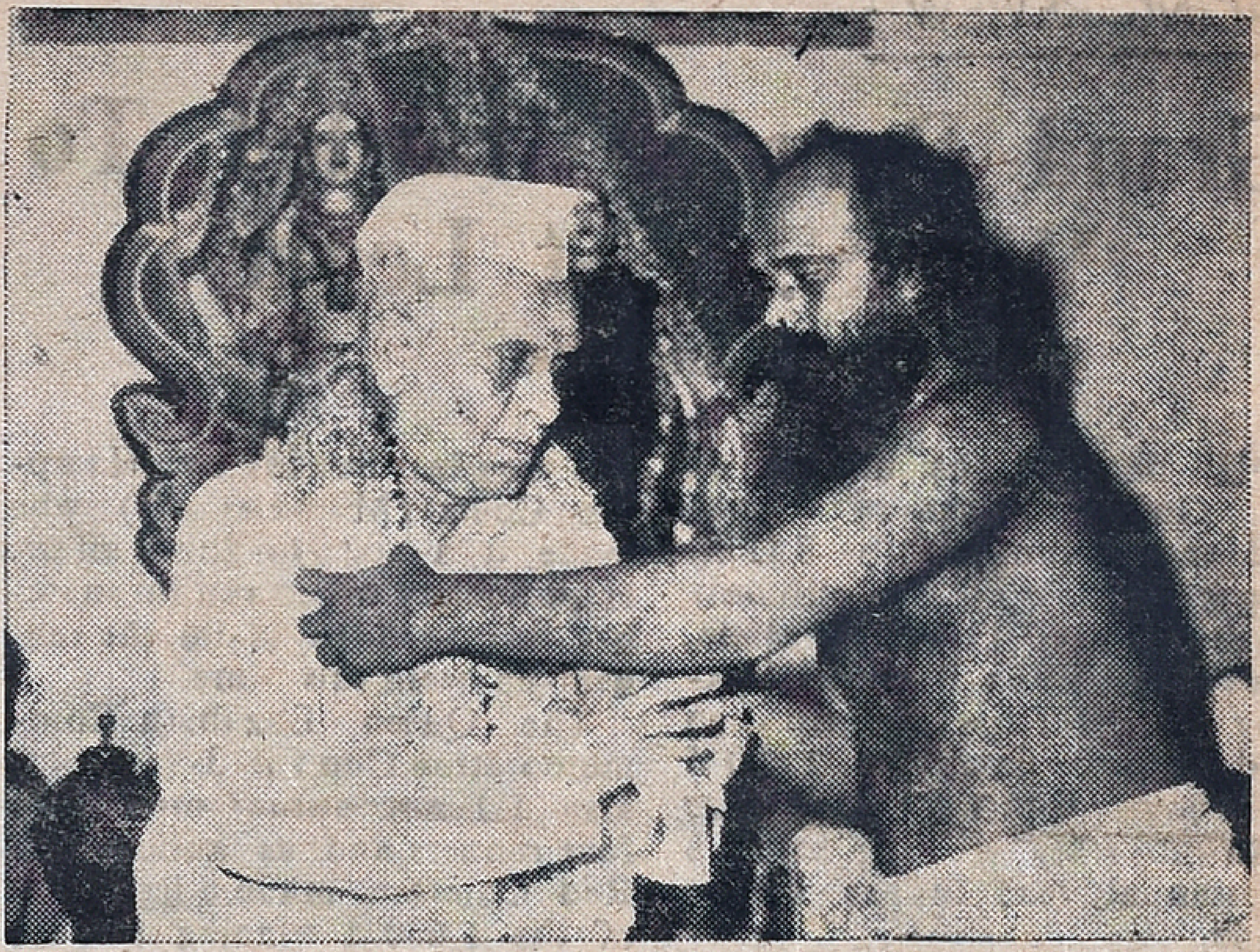
Sri Patwari had darshan of Lord Muruga prior to the inauguration function. The golden car, bedecked artistically with flowers provided a grand sight for the devotees as the car started moving slowly.

Sri Patwari then laid the foundation stone for the sacred tank to be built at a cost of rupees seven lakhs.

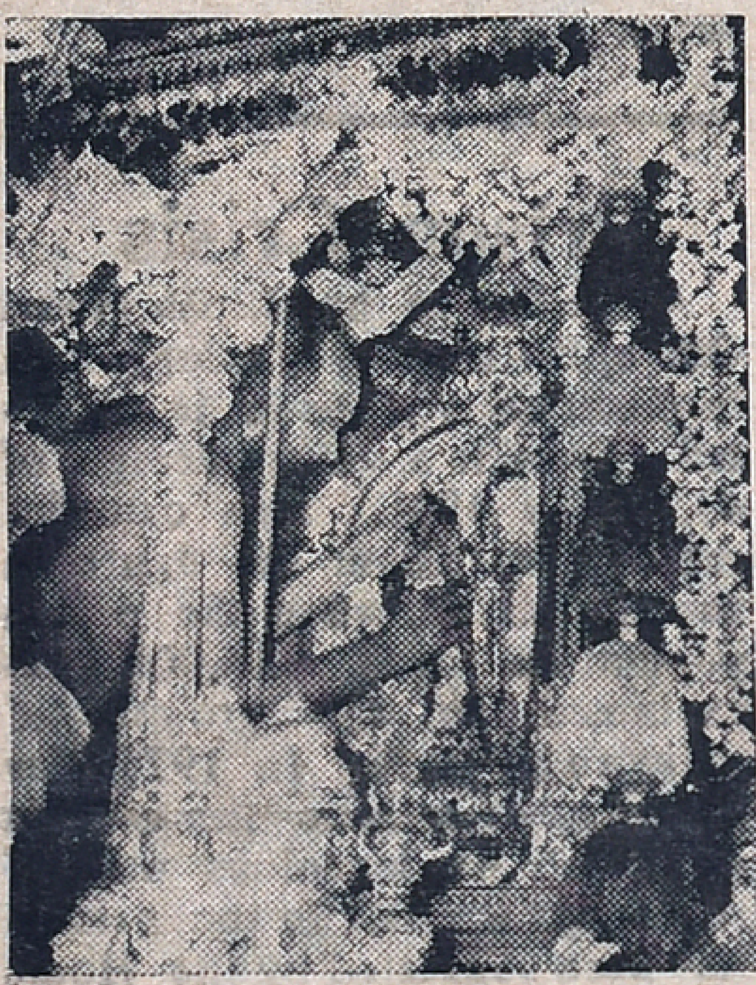
Sri Patwari praised the selfless service of Balamuruganadimai Swami in renovating the temple and providing all amenities for pilgrims. He also requested others to emulate him in serving the Lord as well as society.

Sri. M. Paramasivam, Collector of North Arcot, presided.

Sri M.K. Balsubramaniam, Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, assured the Swami of all cooperation for the development of the temple.



Sri Balamuruganadimai Swami garlanding the governor of Tamil Nadu, Sri Prabhudas Patwari.



Sri Swamiji placing the 'Vel' of Lord Muruga on the Golden Chariot.

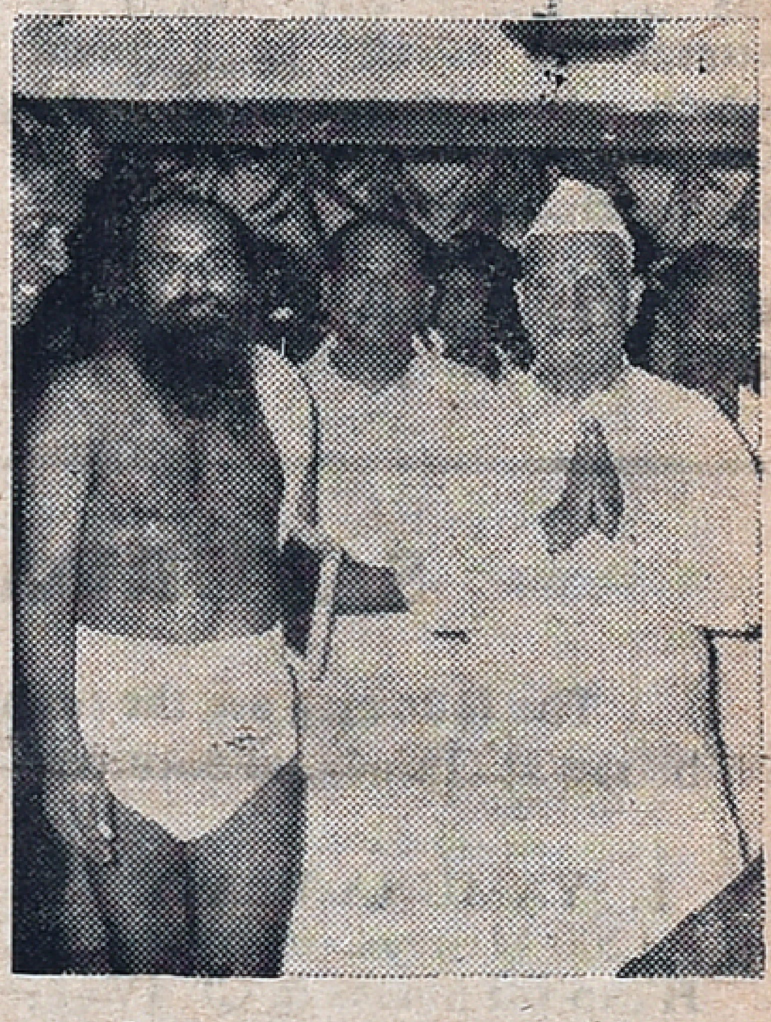
Earlier, an address of benediction was read out and, presented by Sri T. Ekambaram on behalf of Sri Balamuruganadimai Swami. The address reiterated the various social activities of the temple and also traced briefly the history of the temple since March 1968.

Prior to March 20, 1968 the temple of Balamurugan had a mere 3.55 acres of dry, uncultivated land, 52 cents of wet land and an annual income of Rs. 200 only. Hence it was not possible to arrange for puja even once a week. Since then the temple has progressed through the efforts of Balamuruganadimai Swami. It is noteworthy that the Swami did not approach anyone or go anywhere to solicit funds. All the funds for the temple came from the devotees alone who worshipped the Lord and got solace and mental peace. They donated willingly for the progress of the temple.

Today the temple owns 20 acres of land, buildings of Rs. 29.07 lakhs, and gold and silver jewellery worth Rs. 6.05 lakhs. The annual income has risen to to 1.30 lakhs Some of the social services of the temple are: a school run at the village Poottuthakku, community halls, distribution of books and slates to poor children, distribution of prasadams and sweets to inmates of Vellore Central Jail on New Year Day, running of a free Siddha Hospital with a bed-strength of ten, construction of a marriage h ll, houses for the temple staff and so on.

Finally, the address pleaded for the release of Rs. 1. 5 lakhs earmarked for the sacred tank construction that is now deposited with the Government.

Sri K. Chidambaram, Executive Officer, proposed a vote of thanks.



Sri Patwari being received by Swamiji

## *DRAMA REVIEW*

# Adhisaya Kudumbam

AJANTALAYA's maiden venture ADHISAYA KUDUMBAM, a suspense comedy stage play, is naive and amateurish.

The inaugural performance of the drama was held on February 11, at Rama Rau Kalamantap under the auspices of Sakthi Arts Academy.

With some more attention to the sequences, continuity and acting, it can be made into an enjoyable play Even as it is the suspense part of it is kept closely guarded by S. Ramanathan who is in charge of the story and stageplay. The dialogue is dull and draggy. The actors have failed to bring put the effect of the words by poor delivery.

One wonders what relation the title has with the main theme. The family shown on the stage never proved to be an unusual one. It is just like any other family we come across in our daily life.

The family of Paranthaman consists of himself, wife Madhavi daughter Meera and sons Bharathan and Sekar. Raghavan is a regular visitor to the house, who is liked by Paranthaman and Meera. In fact Paranthaman wants Meera to marry him. And she is willing. But Raghavan is hated by Madhavi and Bharathan. Sunder, also a regular visitor, plays on the weakness of Madhavi for films and promises her to make her daughter Meera a first-class film star, with his influence.

Sunder brings in a person and introduces him as a director from Singapore. His main aim is to knock off the money of Paranthaman. He understands that Paranthaman has willed all his money to his daughter Meera. He instigates Bharathan to murder his father to get the money. And, one night Paranthaman is mortally stabbed only to find that his body vanishes. Who killed him and what happens to the money he willed to his daugh er is told in the rest of the play.

Chandramouli as Bharathan and Ravee as Sunder have acquitted themselves well through their neat performances. Dinakara Babu, who has acted as Raghavan, has to improve a lot. He lacks the force which is essential for the character. As for the feminine characters both the artistes have not understood the character they were enacting. The mother lacks the dreamy looks in the sequences where she dreams of her daughter becoming a top star earning pots of money. Anandi, as the daughter, is sulky and drowsy.

Director Ramanathan has done what best he could do with the many drawbacks he has to face. He has adopted a technique using darkness and dim-focussed light effectively in the scene where Pa anthaman is killed.

Being an experimental play it has its own flaws which could be rectified and presented in a better manner.

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